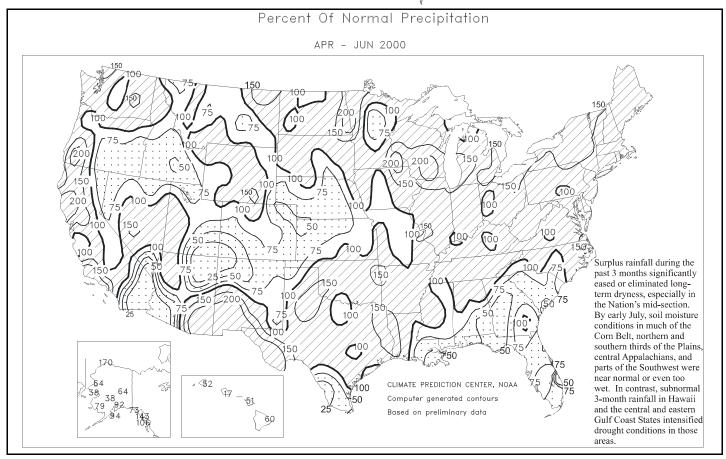
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ot, dry weather returned to the **Southeast** following 3 weeks of beneficial showers, placing renewed stress on pastures and summer crops. Meanwhile, an expanding dry regime across the **South-Central States** depleted topsoil moisture, especially across **southern Texas**. Dryness also intensified on the **central High Plains**, where a weeklong heat wave frequently pushed temperatures above 100°F and severely stressed dryland summer crops. Farther east, extreme maximum temperatures in the **Corn Belt** ranged from 85°F in eastern sections to near (Continued on page 5)